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S. 417

To amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that coverage of bone mass measurements is provided under the health benefits program for Federal employees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Osteoporosis Federal
5 Employee Health Benefits Standardization Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF BONE MASS MEASUREMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902 of title 5, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(p)(1) A contract may not be made or a plan ap-
 2 proved that does not include coverage for bone mass meas-
 3 urement in the case of a qualified individual.

4 “(2) In this subsection, the terms ‘bone mass meas-
 5 urement’ and ‘qualified individual’ shall each have the
 6 meaning given under section 1861(rr) of the Social Secu-
 7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x), except that—

8 “(A) section 1861(rr)(2) of the Social Security
 9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(2)) shall be applied by sub-
 10 stituting ‘the Director of the Office of Personnel
 11 Management’ for ‘the Secretary’; and

12 “(B) standards regarding the frequency with
 13 which a qualified individual shall be eligible to be
 14 provided benefits for bone mass measurement under
 15 a health benefits plan under this chapter shall be es-
 16 tablished by the Director in consultation with the
 17 Secretary of Health and Human Services.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 19 subsection (a) shall apply to bone mass measurements per-
 20 formed on or after such date as the Office of Personnel
 21 Management shall determine, except that such date shall
 22 in no event be earlier than July 1, 2003, nor later than
 23 January 1, 2004.

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